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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT: Management Support Division, OCS

1. The suggestion to transfer the Management Support Division, OCS, to the Support Directorate has larger implications. To date the ADP world has been sufficiently esoteric that the expertise has tended to stay within ADP centers. This has included the designers and programmers as well as the machine technicians. As the ADP world becomes a more normal part of our life, there is a certain justice in having the programmer and the designer located with the actual users in order to improve communication and understanding as to the precise programs and designs desired. At the same time, I believe it important that we maintain certain qualitative standards for these designers and programmers, in order that their work need not be repeated within the ADP centers. We accomplish this in such fields as finance, contracting, security, etc., by assigning qualified technicians in these fields to the using component but maintaining a central discipline as to their professional qualifications.

2. I certainly have no objection to your discussing this possible transfer with the DDS&T. At the same time, I hope that whatever conclusion you reach will be reviewed by the Information Processing Board as to any Agency-wide implications it might have, and a solution will be developed for the problem of maintaining proper programmer and designer qualifications while assigning them to using components. I would also hope to see some way of ensuring that similar skills in different components receive the same career potential in terms of promotions, etc., and we not allow a variety of levels to grow up.

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